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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 175749 ACTION TEHRAN BUDAPEST
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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE REDUCTION IN SIZE OF ICCS

REF: (A) TEHRAN 6253, (B) SAIGON 15854

1. FOR TEHRAN:

YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI THAT WE DEFINITELY DO NOT BELIEVE
THAT A REDUCTION IN THE SIZE OF ICCS CONTINGENTS IS
DESIRABLE OR WARRANTED AT THE PRESENT TIME. YOU SHOULD ADD
THAT THERE IS NO FOUNDATION TO RECENT WIRE SERVICE REPORTS
THAT THE US HAS AGREED WITH THE DRV AND PRG TO A REDUC-
TION IN THE SIZE OF THE COMMISSION. CONTRARY TO DRV ALLE-
GATION THAT "ICCS HAS NOW ACCOMPLISHED THE BULK OF ITS
TASK",IN VIEW OF CONTINUING CEASE-FIRE VIOLATIONS AND THE
LACK OF IMPLEMENTATION OF A NUMBER OF THE PROVISIONS OF
ARTICLE 18(C) OF THE AGREEMENT WE PERCEIVE POTENTIAL
ICCS ROLE TODAY AS IMPORTANT AS AT THE TIME OF THE PEACE
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AGREEMENT. WE WOULD ALSO SUBSCRIBE TO EMBASSY SAIGON

COMMENT (PARA 5 REF B) THAT CURRENT DRV/PRG EFFORTS TO HAVE ICCS REDUCE SIZE OF CONTINGENTS IS REFLECTIVE OF CONTINUING COMMUNIST POLICY TO VITIATE COMMISSION AND ITS PEACEKEEPING ROLE. IN THIS LIGHT WE WOULD URGE GOI TO PROVIDE FULL CONTINGENT AS PRESCRIBED IN THE AGREEMENT.

2. SHOULD GOI RAISE QUESTION OF CURRENT ICCS FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES AS POSSIBLY BEARING ON COMMUNIST ATTEMPTS

TO CUT SIZE OF ICCS, YOU SHOULD RESPOND AS FOLLOWS. US, AS WELL AS OTHER PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT, IS CONCERNED ABOUT HEAVY ICCS BUDGET AND HAS BEEN CONSIDERING WAYS BY WHICH EXPENSES MIGHT BE REDUCED. HOWEVER, WE WOULD BE OPPOSED TO ANY BUDGET CUTS WHICH WOULD AFFECT THE COMMISSION'S ABILITY TO CARRY OUT ITS ESSENTIAL MISSION.

3. FOR BUDAPEST, JAKARTA AND WARSAW

YOU SHOULD CONVEY ESSENTIALS OF FOREGOING US POSITION TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVEL. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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